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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 02/26/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In re page 16, Applicants request acknowledgement of the receipt of all certified copies.

In response the Examiner respectfully acknowledges the receipt of all certified copies.

In re page 19 lines 18-20, page 20 lines 23-25 and page 21, lines 1-17, Applicants argue that instruction icon of the application is not the same as the instruction icon of Wolff.

In response the examiner respectfully disagrees. Instruction icon merely means an icon of information imparted while Wolff icon images files that are providing information about a story to play (Col. 4, lines 49-54; Col. 6, lines 45-50; Col. 3, lines 10-43; Col. 7, lines 24-25).

In re page 21, Applicants argue that one or more files among the stored still image files are alternately displayed on a second predetermined area of the screen of play list indicating sound files as commanded by the selection of the instruction.

In response the Examiner respectfully disagrees. Wolff discloses one or more files among the stored still image files (Stories, Fig. 1, 110; Col. 3, lines 22-33) are alternately displayed on a second predetermined area (Fig. 1, 103 and 104; when a story contain more the one images files then they are played in the area 120) of the

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screen of play list indicating sound files (play list of sound files are displayed in area 104, Col. 6 lines 9-25; Col. 7 line 64-67, Col. 8, lines 1-5) as commanded by the selection of the instruction icon (when a colored vertical line 255 is commanded over instruction icon i.e. information icons then the story of the icon image under the vertical line is displayed in area 250 along with the audio narrations, Col. 3 lines 21-33; Col. 6 lines 30-35 lines 45 -67).

In re page 21, lines 18-27, Applicants argue that Wolff, Chan an Li fail to disclose a main control unit for performing a process operation such that, a display menu in a first predetermined area of the screen of playlist, where in the a display menu comprises at least one instruction icon to command an alternating display such that the plurality of still image files recorded in the recording medium are alternately displayed as commanded, and when the instruction icon of the display menu is selected during the reproducing of the sound files stored in the memory, the plurality of still image files recorded in the recording medium are decoded and stored in the memory while the decoder is being idle, and one or more files among the stored still image files are alternately displayed on a second predetermined area of the screen of play list indicating sound files as commanded by the selection of the instruction icon.

In response the examiner respectfully disagrees. Wolff discloses a main control unit (Processor, 701) for performing a process operation such that, a display menu in a first predetermined area (Fig. 1, 102) of the screen of play list, a display menu (Fig. 1, 115) comprises at least one instruction icon (Fig. 1, 110, one of the stories related to thumbnail image icons i.e. instruction icons please see instruction icon explained above;

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Col. 4, lines 49-54; Col. 6, lines 45-50; Col. 9, lines 20-25) to command an alternating display (**Fig. 1, 103; A play button is used to enter a play mode to allow an individual to view existing stories i.e. *alternating display* and the system starts play back from the currently selected thumbnail image i.e. instruction icon which is commanded to select the story with a use of the play button 220; Col. 7 lines 37-40; While the selection of thumbnail image icon is through a colored vertical line 255 as explained above**) such that the plurality of still image files recorded in the recording apparatus are alternately displayed as commanded (after instruction of playing a story by selecting 115 icon images i.e. instruction icon images related to the story are alternately displayed; Col. 7, lines 50-53), and when the instruction icon (image icons in Fig. 1, 115) of the display menu is selected during the reproducing of the sound files stored in the memory (Col. 7, lines 56-63), one or more files among the stored still image files (Stories, Fig. 1, 110; Col. 3, lines 22-33) are alternately displayed on a second predetermined area (Fig. 1, 103 and 104; when a story contain more the one images files then they are played in the area 120) of the screen of play list indicating sound files (play list of sound files are displayed in area 104, Col. 6 lines 9-25; Col. 7 line 64-67, Col. 8, lines 1-5) as commanded by the selection of the instruction icon (when a colored vertical line 255 is moved over thumbnail images i.e. information icons then the story is displayed in area 250 along with the audio narrations, Col. 6 lines 45 -67).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ASHER KHAN whose telephone number is (571)270-5203. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks- Harold can be reached on (571)272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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